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A device is described for indicating the locking state of a fifth wheel coupling {1} and an arrangement of a first and a second sensor {~~6~~, ~~7~~}.

According to the prior art, the first sensor {~~6~~} is arranged on the underside of the locking latch and monitors the position of the kingpin in relation to the locking latch {~~13~~}. A second sensor {~~7~~} that is used is an inductive proximity switch that monitors a safety mechanism against loosening. In practice, this type of positioning of the first sensor {~~6~~} has led to damage of the locking latch {~~13~~} and the sensor {~~6~~}, while the signals of the second sensor {~~7~~} were often false signals. Thus, the object of the invention was to provide a device for indicating the locking state, which maximizes operational availability and minimizes false signals. A further object of the invention was to optimize the arrangement of the first and the second sensor {~~6~~, ~~7~~}. These objects were attained by arranging the first sensor {~~6~~} detecting the kingpin {~~3~~} in the area of the locating hole {~~2~~} and configuring the second sensor {~~7~~} as a magnetically sensitive sensor that interacts with a magnet {~~9~~} mounted on the operating lever {~~4~~}. The two sensors {~~6~~, ~~7~~} are based on different mechanisms of action.